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TWO SEPERATE SOURCES, NORTHROP PAGE REP KINNALLY AND
NATIONALIST CHINESE AMBASSADOR, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE
CERTAIN ENTREE TO LIBYAN MILITARY, HAVE TOLD US AMOUNT
OF LIBYAN-SOVIET ARMS DEAL IS IN AREA OF 1.5 BILLION
RPT BILLION DOLLARS. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION
FROM OUR VIEWPOINT THAT MAJOR ARMS PACT HAS BEEN SIGNED
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, THIS SUM SEEMS SO FAR OUT OF
PROPORTION TO LIBYAN ARMY, AIR FORCE AND MANY REQUIREMENTS
AND CAPABILITIES THAT WE ARE INCLINED TO BE
SCEPTICAL. GENESIS OF THESE REPORTS MAY BE MONTH-OLD
STORY IN BEIRUT PRESS NEWSPAPER AD-DIYAR, CITED BY
NEWMAGAZINE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH GAVE FIGURE OF 1.2.
BILLION FOR DEAL.
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